

West Valley School District No. 208

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2009

After having been advertised as required by law, the Board of Directors of West Valley School District No. 208 met in regular session on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Valley Junior High School Library, 7505 Zier Road, Yakima WA 98908.

Board of Directors present: Staci Verbrugge, Sasha Kinloch, Mike Carey, Mike Meyer and Jim Roberts.

Administrative Staff present: Dr. Peter Finch, Tom Fleming, Rick Ferguson and Nona Bunger, Recording Secretary. Others present were Dr. Jean Seibert, Jim Fannin, Tom Schend, Bill Oppliger and Jim Berndt.

Call to Order - verification of quorum.

At 6:34 p.m., President Staci Verbrugge called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance - Staci Verbrugge lead the pledge of allegiance

Public Forum:

Kim Wrath and **Helen Farringer** are concerned about student safety issues around the Jr. High, the Middle School, Zier Road and students crossing 72nd Avenue. Helen and Kim would like to form a safety committee comprised of parents, with the Board supporting the committee in their efforts to contact the City of Yakima about providing more sidewalks, traffic lights, and advocate for child safety. They would also like the District to promote more safety in the WV Today. **Tami Bennett** stated that Ahtanum Valley has the same problem with safety issues. The Board said they would support this committee in their efforts.

Tonya Kimzey asked what electives will be offered at the Jr. High and what the process is to make those decisions next year, in particular foreign language for the 8th graders. Tom Schend stated electives will be offered.

Amanda Eglin asked if there would be an orientation for the 5th graders as they move into the 5th and 6th grade building. Jim Fannin stated they would be brought in one day at the end of June for a transition day. She also asked about an orientation for the parents. Jim invited her to come by the school any time. **Tami Bennett** wanted to know if there would be a pack system and how a pack system works at the JH. Jim Fannin stated that the wings

also address the problem of kids losing contact with friends they made in their previous packs.

Preston Wade asked if any other districts in the state have 9th grade centers and what the atmosphere would be like for our 9th grade campus. Dr. Finch listed several other Districts in the State that have 9th grade campuses. Jim Berndt explained the configuration of the campus, as well as stating it will be a closed campus. **Helen Farringer** again stated that communication from the District to the parents is a must. **Tami Bennett** asked if the 5th graders would be allowed to use backpacks at the MS. Staci stated backpacks are allowed.

Mike Carey stated that funding may have an impact and that there is the possibility that the 9th grade campus transition may not take place in 2010, but would have to wait until 2011. The Board is looking at the budget very carefully and any program or project could be on the cutting block, depending on the budget.

A five minute break was taken to allow members of the audience to leave if they wished.

Changes to the Agenda: Staci stated there would be an addition of an Executive Session to discuss WVEA Bargaining Update; moving Consent Agenda Item D to an Action Item; adding the Facilities Department Coordinator as a Discussion Item; adding the Science adoption as a Discussion Item.

Host School Presentation - Jim Berndt, WVJHS Principal

Jim and Lee Grams shared about the work being done related to their School Improvement Plan. Lee Grams is teaching technical education classes this year, as well as being a Teacher Leader and involved in staff development. Lee gave a presentation on the integration of technology in the classroom for teachers, specifically teaching the teachers how to develop web pages as a way to communicate and share information with parents and staff.

Intro of visitors: Shelly Jaeger, Sabrina Carey, Jerry Prescott, Jacob Munden, Lee Grams and Pam Berndt and HS Leadership Class students Brandon George, Kyle Sauve, Michael Betancourt, Leif Nordstrom, Aleiandro Mungeria, Gilbert Plath, Breanna Jones, Dylan Foster, Kelsi Baggarley, Parker Fannin, Aparicio Fischer, Taylor McDowell, Renae Weedin, Tonya Kimzey, Alyssa Kimzey, Austen Clement, Gaby Perez, Ashley Richardson and Preston Wade.

Communications: There were no communications for the Board.



Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting - October 26, 2009
 - 2. Study Session - November 4, 2009
- B. Approval of Vouchers
- C. Approval of Enrollment Report
- D. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - 1. Steve Busey - Night Custodian (MS)
 - 2. Karen Cooney - Facilities Department Coordinator (Facilities)
- E. Approval of Travel Requests
 - 1. HS Wrestling Team; Fife Wrestling Invite; Fife, WA; Dec. 11-12, 2009
 - 2. HS Bowling Team; State Championship; Tacoma, WA; Feb. 4-6, 2010
 - 3. HS Wrestling Team; District 5/8 Tournament (3A); Spokane, WA; Feb. 5-6, 2010
 - 4. HS Boys Swim/Dive Team; District 4/5 Meet; Vancouver, WA; Feb. 5-6, 2010
 - 5. HS Wrestling Team; State Championship; Tacoma, WA; Feb. 18-20, 2010
 - 6. HS Boys Swim/Dive Team; State Championship; Federal Way, WA; Feb. 18-20, 2010
 - 7. HS Girls Basketball; Regional Tournament; Spokane, WA; March 5-6, 2010
 - 8. HS Boys "B" Basketball; Regional Tournament; Spokane, WA; March 5-6, 2010
 - 9. HS Boys "B" Basketball; State Championship; Tacoma, WA; March 9-13, 2010
 - 10. HS Girls Basketball; State Championship; Tacoma, WA; March 9-13, 2010
 - 11. HS Cheer Squad; Basketball State Championship; Tacoma, WA; March 10-13, 2010

Jim Roberts made a motion to approve the *Consent Agenda* with Karen Cooney's employment contract being moved to a Discussion Item. MC 5-0.

At the last Board meeting, the Board wanted more info on the hotel expenses listed on travel requests, in particular #9 and #10. Mike Carey explained that the lodging amounts were listed as a lump sum for the entire team, not as an individual amount.



Action Items

A. Approval of Travel Request

1. Jacob Munden; NAAE National Conference/Award Recipient; Nashville, TN; November 16-21, 2009

At the Nov. 4th Study Session, Jim Berndt asked the Board members to reconsider reimbursing Jacob Munden for his incidental travel costs while attending the NAAE National Conference as an award recipient in Nashville. Sasha Kinloch made a motion to approve payment of the expenses for Jacob's trip. MC 3-2.

Discussion Items

A. Dean of Students 9th Grade Position

Mike Carey would like more info regarding why this position should be included in the teachers' bargaining agreement and not an unrepresented position. He doesn't like the title "Dean of Students" and feels this may not be an appropriate position for an Athletic Director to move into. Staci Verbrugge would like to see a job description and a pay scale. Rick Ferguson stated the terms of the position would have to be negotiated with the Union. Sasha would like to continue discussion and have more information before making a decision on this position. Sasha asked that Dr. Finch convey their concerns to Dr. Ansingh before proceeding with a decision.

B. Approval of Consent Agenda

D. Approval of Employment Contracts

2. Karen Cooney - Facilities Department Coordinator (Maintenance)

Jim Roberts asked Tom Fleming how this position will be funded this year as well as next year in light of budget constraints. Tom said the money would come from the Maintenance Department's budget, as carryover, after the necessary projects are done and items are provided. Mike Meyer asked if a secretarial position would be added as an additional expense if Mrs. Cooney took the Coordinator position. Tom said the District is already funding the secretary position, however the Coordinator position would be the additional expense. Mike Meyer asked if a supplemental contract would be an option for Mrs. Cooney. Rick Ferguson stated it would be a wise course of action to check with the Secretaries Union to make sure Mrs. Cooney would be able to return to the secretarial position in the next year if funding for the Facilities Department Coordinator position is not available in the future. Jim Roberts recommended the decision be tabled until Rick Ferguson can follow up with the Secretaries Union and report back to the Board.



Discussion Items (cont.)

C. 9th Grade Science Update

Dr. Finch passed out information regarding the state standard on the state assessment for science as a requirement for graduation. Tom Schend will follow up and report back to the Board regarding the pilot of instructional materials for one 9th grade science class.

Items Arising: None.

High School Student Representative(s) Report: Nicole and Keenan were not present at the meeting.

Administrative Reports - ApV, CW, MV, SV, JHS

Reports from Apple Valley, Mountainview, Summitview and the JHS were included in the packets. Cottonwood's report was handed out at the meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Ansingh was on vacation. There was no Superintendent's Report.

Board Reports/Board Development: Mike Meyer attended the open house/dedication at YVC Tech and was impressed with the emphasis that was put on vocational technical education as a career as an option to an educational/college based education.

Mike Carey attended the regional volleyball state tournament and watched as WV took 2nd place. Our Student Rep Nicole Stine is a member of the volleyball team.

Sasha Kinloch stated she has heard a rumor that there is no 9th grade staff representation on the committee regarding scheduling at the 9th grade center. Jim Berndt said that he invited 9th grade teachers to attend the meetings at the HS to discuss the schedule. At this point, no 9th grade teachers have attended the meetings at the high school.

Executive Session: At 8:30 p.m., the Board moved into Executive Session, expected to last approximately 45 minutes to discuss the WVEA Bargaining Update. At 9:15 p.m., the Board moved out of Executive Session and back into regular session.

Adjournment followed at 9:16 p.m.

Dr. Peter Finch
Asst. Superintendent

Staci Verbrugge
President